

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1003

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Charles G. "Bones" Seviars on the celebration of his fiftieth year of service to the Tennessee Municipal League.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should take time to recognize and commend those public servants that dedicate their careers toward improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Charles G. Seviars, commonly known as "Bones" to his friends, is one such esteemed person who has advanced Tennessee municipal interests for the past fifty years through his affiliation with the Tennessee Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, a native of Clinton, Bones began his laudable career in municipal government in 1962, when he won the election to become an Alderman on his first attempt at public office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seviars continuously served the citizens of Clinton with distinction as an elected official for thirteen years, eventually gaining election as the mayor of the Town of Clinton in 1970; and

WHEREAS, continually searching for new ways to serve his hometown, Bones was hired to serve as Clinton's first Town Administrator in 1973. He secured an excess of \$17 million in state and federal grants during his twenty-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable networker who is steadfastly dedicated to advancing his community's interests, Bones Seviars became involved with the Tennessee Municipal League immediately following his first election in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, after twenty-eight years of resolute service to the league, Mr. Seviars was elected as only the third city manager to ever serve as president of the Tennessee Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for large and small municipalities alike, Mr. Seviere leveraged his affiliation with the Tennessee Municipal League to convince the National League of Cities to establish the Small Cities Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for municipalities to obtain low cost financing for capital improvement needs, Mr. Seviere brought municipalities and the state together and helped create the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund in 1985. He subsequently served as chairman of the board for the first eight years of its existence; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his years of municipal advocacy, he was honored as a recipient of the National Public Service award from President Ronald Reagan in 1988; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the Town of Clinton, Bones Seviere continued to serve Tennessee's municipalities as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund, in which position he has loaned billions of dollars to local governments and saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars to date; and

WHEREAS, Bones Seviere is in the midst of celebrating his fiftieth year with the Tennessee Municipal League, becoming the league's longest affiliated individual; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Seviere for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee and his unwavering commitment to others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Charles G. "Bones" Seviere for a life of a dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, applaud his fifty years of service to the Tennessee Municipal League, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.